

Substitute Bill No. 6644

January Session, 2013



## AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 19a-32c of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
- There is created a Biomedical Research Trust Fund which shall be a
- 4 separate nonlapsing fund. The trust fund may accept transfers from
- 5 the Tobacco Settlement Fund and may apply for and accept gifts,
- 6 grants or donations from public or private sources to enable the
- 7 account to carry out its objectives. [On and after July 1, 2001, the] The
- 8 Commissioner of Public Health may make grants-in-aid from the trust
- 9 fund to eligible institutions for the purpose of funding biomedical
- 10 research in the fields of heart disease, cancer and other tobacco-related
- 11 diseases, and Alzheimer's disease and diabetes. [For the fiscal year
- ending June 30, 2002, the total amount of such grants-in-aid made
- during the fiscal year shall not exceed two million dollars. For the
- 14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year thereafter, the
- total amount of such grants-in-aid made during the fiscal year] <u>Each</u>
- 16 <u>fiscal year, the total amount of moneys deposited in the account shall</u>
- 17 <u>be used by the Commissioner of Public Health for such grants-in-aid,</u>
- 18 provided such grants-in-aid shall not exceed fifty per cent of the total
- 19 amount held in the trust fund as of the date such grants-in-aid are

- approved. [Not later than April 1, 2001, the] Two per cent of the total
- 21 <u>available amount held in the trust fund shall be made available to the</u>
- 22 <u>Department of Public Health for administration expenses relating to</u>
- 23 the trust fund and making the grants-in-aid. The Commissioner of
- 24 Public Health shall develop an application for grants-in-aid under this
- 25 section and may receive applications from eligible institutions for such
- 26 grants-in-aid. [on and after said date.] For purposes of this section,
- 27 "eligible institution" means an entity that has its principle place of
- 28 <u>business located in the state and is</u> (1) a nonprofit, tax-exempt
- 29 academic institution of higher education, or (2) a hospital that
- 30 conducts biomedical research.
- 31 Sec. 2. Section 19a-266 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2014*):
- 33 (a) For purposes of this section:
- 34 (1) "Breast cancer screening and referral services" means necessary
- 35 breast cancer screening services and referral services for a procedure
- 36 intended to treat cancer of the human breast, including, but not limited
- 37 to, surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, hormonal therapy and
- 38 related medical follow-up services.
- 39 (2) "Cervical cancer screening and referral services" means necessary
- 40 cervical cancer screening services and referral services for a procedure
- 41 intended to treat cancer of the human cervix, including, but not limited
- 42 to, surgery, radiation therapy, cryotherapy, electrocoagulation and
- 43 related medical follow-up services.
- 44 (3) "Unserved or underserved populations" means women who are:
- 45 (A) At or below two hundred <u>fifty</u> per cent of the federal poverty level
- 46 for individuals; (B) without health insurance that covers breast cancer
- 47 screening mammography or cervical cancer screening services; and (C)
- twenty-one to sixty-four years of age.
- 49 (b) There is established, within existing appropriations, a breast and
- 50 cervical cancer early detection and treatment referral program, within

- the Department of Public Health, to (1) promote screening, detection and treatment of breast cancer and cervical cancer among unserved or
- 53 underserved populations, (2) educate the public regarding breast
- 54 cancer and cervical cancer and the benefits of early detection, and (3)
- 55 provide counseling and referral services for treatment.
  - (c) The program shall include, but not be limited to:
  - (1) Establishment of a public education and outreach initiative to publicize breast cancer and cervical cancer early detection services and the extent of coverage for such services by health insurance; the benefits of early detection of breast cancer and the recommended frequency of screening services, including clinical breast examinations and mammography; and the medical assistance program and other public and private programs and the benefits of early detection of cervical cancer and the recommended frequency of pap tests;
  - (2) Development of professional education programs, including the benefits of early detection of breast cancer and the recommended frequency of mammography and the benefits of early detection of cervical cancer and the recommended frequency of pap tests;
  - (3) Establishment of a system to track and follow up on all women screened for breast cancer and cervical cancer in the program. The system shall include, but not be limited to, follow-up of abnormal screening tests and referral to treatment when needed and tracking women to be screened at recommended screening intervals;
  - (4) Assurance that all participating providers of breast cancer and cervical cancer screening are in compliance with national and state quality assurance legislative mandates.
  - (d) The Department of Public Health shall provide unserved or underserved populations, within existing appropriations and through contracts with health care providers: (1) Clinical breast examinations, screening mammograms and pap tests, as recommended in the most current breast and cervical cancer screening guidelines established by

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- 82 the United States Preventive Services Task Force, for the woman's age 83 and medical history; and (2) a pap test every six months for women 84 who have tested HIV positive.
- 85 (e) The organizations providing the testing and treatment services 86 shall report to the Department of Public Health the names of the 87 insurer of each underinsured woman being tested to facilitate 88 recoupment.]
- 89 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 19a-491c of the general statutes is 90 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective 91 October 1, 2013):
- 92 (c) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, each 93 long-term care facility, prior to extending an offer of employment to, or 94 entering into a contract for, the provision of long-term care services 95 with any individual who will have direct access, or prior to allowing 96 any individual to [have direct access while] begin volunteering at such 97 long-term care facility when the long-term care facility reasonably 98 expects such volunteer will regularly perform duties that are 99 substantially similar to those of an employee with direct access, shall 100 require that such individual submit to a background search. The Department of Public Health shall prescribe the manner by which (A) 102 long-term care facilities perform the review of (i) the registry of nurse's 103 aides maintained by the department pursuant to section 20-102bb, and 104 (ii) any other registry specified by the department, including requiring 105 long-term care facilities to report the results of such review to the 106 department, and (B) individuals submit to state and national criminal 107 history records checks, including requiring the Department of 108 Emergency Services and Public Protection to report the results of such 109 checks to the Department of Public Health.
  - (2) No long-term care facility shall be required to comply with the provisions of this subsection if the individual provides evidence to the long-term care facility that such individual submitted to a background search conducted pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection not

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- more than three years immediately preceding the date such individual
- applies for employment, seeks to enter into a contract or begins
- 116 volunteering with the long-term care facility and that the prior
- 117 background search confirmed that the individual did not have a
- 118 disqualifying offense.
- 119 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 19a-490 of the general statutes is
- 120 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 121 October 1, 2013):
- 122 (a) "Institution" means a hospital, short-term hospital special
- hospice, hospice inpatient facility, residential care home, health care
- 124 facility for the handicapped, nursing home, rest home, home health
- 125 care agency, homemaker-home health aide agency, mental health
- 126 facility, assisted living services agency, substance abuse treatment
- 127 facility, outpatient surgical facility, an infirmary operated by an
- educational institution for the care of students enrolled in, and faculty
- and employees of, such institution; a facility engaged in providing
- 130 services for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment or care of human
- health conditions, including facilities operated and maintained by any
- state agency, except facilities for the care or treatment of mentally ill
- persons or persons with substance abuse problems; and a residential
- facility for the mentally retarded licensed pursuant to section 17a-227
- and certified to participate in the Title XIX Medicaid program as an
- intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded;
- 137 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 19a-491 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 139 *October* 1, 2013):
- 140 (c) Notwithstanding any regulation, [to the contrary,] the
- 141 Commissioner of Public Health shall charge the following fees for the
- biennial licensing and inspection of the following institutions: (1)
- 143 Chronic and convalescent nursing homes, per site, four hundred forty
- 144 dollars; (2) chronic and convalescent nursing homes, per bed, five
- dollars; (3) rest homes with nursing supervision, per site, four hundred

- 146 forty dollars; (4) rest homes with nursing supervision, per bed, five 147 dollars; (5) outpatient dialysis units and outpatient surgical facilities, 148 six hundred twenty-five dollars; (6) mental health residential facilities, per site, three hundred seventy-five dollars; (7) mental health 149 150 residential facilities, per bed, five dollars; (8) hospitals, per site, nine 151 hundred forty dollars; (9) hospitals, per bed, seven dollars and fifty 152 cents; (10) nonstate agency educational institutions, per infirmary, one 153 hundred fifty dollars; [and] (11) nonstate agency educational 154 institutions, per infirmary bed, twenty-five dollars; (12) short-term 155 hospitals special hospice, per site, nine hundred forty dollars; (13) short-term hospitals special hospice, per bed, seven dollars and fifty 156 cents; (14) hospice inpatient facility, per site, four hundred forty 157 158 dollars; and (15) hospice inpatient facility, per bed, five dollars.
- Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 19a-87b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
- 162 (b) No person shall act as an assistant or substitute staff member to a 163 person or entity maintaining a family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, without an approval issued by the Commissioner of 164 165 Public Health. Any person seeking to act as an assistant or substitute 166 staff member in a family day care home shall submit an application for 167 such approval to the department. Applications for approval shall: (1) 168 Be made to the commissioner on forms provided by the department, 169 (2) contain the information required by regulations adopted under this section, and (3) be accompanied by a fee of [twenty] fifteen dollars. The 170 171 approval application forms shall contain a notice that false statements 172 made in such form are punishable in accordance with section 53a-157b.
- 173 Sec. 7. Section 19a-496 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
  - (a) An institution which is in operation at the time of the adoption of any regulations under section 19a-495, shall be given a reasonable time [, not to exceed one year from the date of such adoption,] within which

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to comply with such regulations. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require the issuance of a license, or to prevent the suspension or revocation thereof, to an institution which does not comply with minimum requirements of health, safety and comfort designated by the Department of Public Health through regulation adopted under the provisions of section 19a-495.

- (b) The department may inspect an institution to determine compliance with applicable state statutes and regulations. Upon a finding of noncompliance with such statutes or regulations, the department shall issue a written notice of noncompliance to the institution. Not later than ten days after such institution receives a notice of noncompliance, the institution shall submit a plan of correction to the department in response to the items of noncompliance identified in such notice. The plan of correction shall include: (1) The measures that the institution intends to implement or systemic changes that the institution intends to make to prevent a recurrence of each identified issue of noncompliance; (2) the date each such corrective measure or change by the institution is effective; (3) the institution's plan to monitor its quality assessment and performance improvement functions to ensure that the corrective measure or systemic change is sustained; and (4) the title of the institution's staff member that is responsible for ensuring the institution's compliance with its plan of correction. The plan of correction shall be deemed to be the institution's representation of compliance with the identified state statutes or regulations identified in the department's notice of noncompliance. Any institution that fails to submit a plan of correction that meets the requirements of this section may be subject to disciplinary action.
- Sec. 8. Section 20-13c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
  - The board is authorized to restrict, suspend or revoke the license or limit the right to practice of a physician or take any other action in accordance with section 19a-17, for failure to conform to the accepted

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211 standards of the profession that includes, but is not limited to, any of 212 the following: [reasons:] (1) Physical illness or loss of motor skill, 213 including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process; 214 (2) emotional disorder or mental illness; (3) abuse or excessive use of 215 including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals; (4) illegal, drugs, 216 incompetent or negligent conduct in the practice of medicine; (5) 217 possession, use, prescription for use, or distribution of controlled 218 substances or legend drugs, except for therapeutic or other medically 219 proper purposes; (6) misrepresentation or concealment of a material 220 fact in the obtaining or reinstatement of a license to practice medicine; 221 (7) failure to adequately supervise a physician assistant; (8) failure to 222 fulfill any obligation resulting from participation in the National 223 Health Service Corps; (9) failure to maintain professional liability 224 insurance or other indemnity against liability for professional 225 malpractice as provided in subsection (a) of section 20-11b; (10) failure 226 to provide information requested by the department for purposes of 227 completing a health care provider profile, as required by section 20-13j; 228 (11) engaging in any activity for which accreditation is required under 229 section 19a-690 or 19a-691 without the appropriate accreditation 230 required by section 19a-690 or 19a-691; (12) failure to provide evidence 231 of accreditation required under section 19a-690 or 19a-691 as requested 232 by the department pursuant to section 19a-690 or 19a-691; (13) failure 233 to comply with the continuing medical education requirements set 234 forth in section 20-10b; or (14) violation of any provision of this chapter 235 or any regulation established hereunder. In each case, the board shall 236 consider whether the physician poses a threat, in the practice of 237 medicine, to the health and safety of any person. If the board finds that 238 the physician poses such a threat, the board shall include such finding 239 in its final decision and act to suspend or revoke the license of said 240 physician.

Sec. 9. Section 20-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

243 The Board of Chiropractic Examiners may take any of the actions set

forth in section 19a-17 for failure to conform to the accepted standards of the profession that includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: [reasons:] The employment of fraud or deception in obtaining a license, habitual intemperance in the use of ardent spirits, narcotics or stimulants to such an extent as to incapacitate the user for the performance of professional duties, violation of any provisions of this chapter or regulations adopted hereunder, engaging in fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities, physical or mental illness, emotional disorder or loss of motor skill, including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process, illegal, incompetent or negligent conduct in the practice of chiropractic, failure to maintain professional liability insurance or other indemnity against liability for professional malpractice as provided in subsection (a) of section 20-28b, failure to comply with the continuing education requirements as set forth in section 20-32, or failure to provide information to the Department of Public Health required to complete a health care provider profile, as set forth in section 20-13j. Any practitioner against whom any of the foregoing grounds for action under said section 19a-17 are presented to said board shall be furnished with a copy of the complaint and shall have a hearing before said board. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations established by the Commissioner of Public Health. Said board may, at any time within two years of such action, by a majority vote, rescind such action. The Commissioner of Public Health may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if his physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17.

Sec. 10. Section 20-40 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

Said department may refuse to grant a license to practice nature opathy or may take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17

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Sec. 11. Section 20-45 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

The license of any licensed practitioner of the healing arts in this state, except a physician as defined in section 20-13a, may be revoked, suspended or annulled, or such practitioner may be reprimanded or otherwise disciplined, after notice and hearing, on the

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recommendation of the examining board representing the branch of the healing arts practiced by such practitioner for any cause named below. Proceedings relative to the revocation, suspension or annulment of a license or toward disciplinary action may be begun by the filing of written charges, verified by affidavit, by the Commissioner of Public Health with the examining board representing the branch of the healing arts practiced by the practitioner. [The causes for which a] A license may be revoked, suspended or annulled or [for which] a practitioner may be reprimanded or otherwise disciplined [are as follows:] for failure to conform to the accepted standards of the profession that includes, but is not limited to: (1) Conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction, either within or without this state, of any crime in the practice of his profession; (2) fraudulent or deceptive conduct in the course of professional services or activities; (3) illegal, incompetent or negligent conduct in the practice of the healing arts; (4) habitual intemperance in the use of spirituous stimulants or addiction to the use of morphine, cocaine or other habit-forming drugs; (5) aiding or abetting the unlawful practice of any branch of the healing arts; (6) failure to record a license as required by law; (7) physical or mental illness, emotional disorder or loss of motor skill, including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process of the practitioner; (8) fraud or material deception in obtaining a license; or (9) violation of any applicable statute or regulation. The clerk of any court in this state in which a person practicing any profession under the jurisdiction of any of the examining boards for the healing arts has been convicted of any crime as described in this section shall, immediately after such conviction, transmit a certified copy, in duplicate, of the information and judgment, without charge, to the Department of Public Health, containing the name and address of the practitioner, the crime of which he was convicted and the date of conviction. The Commissioner of Public Health may order a practitioner to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if his physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action

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Sec. 12. Section 20-59 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

The board may take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17 for failure to conform to the accepted standards of the profession that includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: [reasons:] (1) Procurement of a license by fraud or material deception; (2) conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction, either within or without this state, of any crime in the practice of podiatry; (3) fraudulent or deceptive conduct in the course of professional services or activities; (4) illegal or incompetent or negligent conduct in the practice of podiatry; (5) habitual intemperance in the use of spirituous stimulants or addiction to the use of morphine, cocaine or other drugs having a similar effect; (6) aiding and abetting the practice of podiatry by an unlicensed person or a person whose license has been suspended or revoked; (7) mental illness or deficiency of the practitioner; (8) physical illness or loss of motor skill, including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process, of the practitioner; (9) undertaking or engaging in any medical practice beyond the privileges and rights accorded to the practitioner of podiatry by the provisions of this chapter; (10) failure to maintain professional liability insurance or other indemnity against liability for professional malpractice as provided in subsection (a) of section 20-58a; (11) independently engaging in the performance of ankle surgery procedures without a permit, in violation of section 20-54; (12) violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted hereunder; or (13) failure to provide information to the Department of Public Health required to complete a health care provider profile, as set forth in section 20-13j. The Commissioner of Public Health may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if his physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17. The

clerk of any court in this state in which a person practicing podiatry
has been convicted of any crime shall, upon such conviction, make
written report, in duplicate, to the Department of Public Health of the
name and residence of such person, the crime of which such person
was convicted and the date of conviction; and said department shall
forward one of such duplicate reports to the board.

Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 20-73a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

(a) The Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists shall have jurisdiction to hear all charges of conduct that fails to conform to the accepted standards of the practice of physical therapy brought against any person licensed as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant and, after holding a hearing, written notice of which shall be given to the person complained of, the board, if it finds such person to be guilty, may revoke or suspend such person's license or take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17. Any proceedings relative to such action may be begun by the filing of written charges with the Commissioner of Public Health. [The causes for which such action may be taken are as follows Conduct that fails to conform to the accepted standards of the practice of physical therapy includes, but is not limited to: (1) Conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction, either within or without this state, of any crime in the practice of such person's profession; (2) illegal, incompetent or negligent conduct in the practice of physical therapy or in the supervision of a physical therapist assistant; (3) aiding or abetting the unlawful practice of physical therapy; (4) treating human ailments by physical therapy without the oral or written referral by a person licensed in this state or in a state having licensing requirements meeting the approval of the appropriate examining board in this state to practice medicine and surgery, podiatry, natureopathy, chiropractic or dentistry if such referral is required pursuant to section 20-73; (5) failure to register with the Department of Public Health as required by law; (6) fraud or

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- deception in obtaining a license; (7) engaging in fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities; (8) failure to comply with the continuing education requirements of section 20-73b; (9) violation of any provision of this chapter, or any regulation adopted under this chapter; or (10) failure to provide information to the Department of Public Health required to complete a health care provider profile, as set forth in section 20-13j.
- Sec. 14. Section 20-74g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

The commissioner may refuse to renew, suspend or revoke a license, or may impose probationary conditions, where the licensee or applicant for a license has been guilty of unprofessional conduct [which] that has endangered or is likely to endanger the health, welfare or safety of the public. Such unprofessional conduct shall include, [:] but need not be limited to: (1) Obtaining a license by means of fraud, misrepresentation or concealment of material facts; (2) being guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by the rules established by the commissioner, or violating the code of ethics adopted and published by the commissioner; or (3) being convicted of a crime other than minor offenses defined as "infractions", "violations", or "offenses" in any court if, in accordance with the provisions of section 46a-80, the acts for which the applicant or licensee was convicted are found by the commissioner to have a direct bearing on whether he should be entrusted to serve the public in the capacity of an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant. The clerk of any court in this state in which a person practicing occupational therapy has been convicted of any crime as described in this section shall, immediately after such conviction, transmit a certified copy, in duplicate, of the information and judgment, without charge, to the department containing the name and address of the occupational therapist, the crime of which he has been convicted and the date of conviction. The hearing on such charges shall be conducted in accordance with regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to section 20-74i. If

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any registration is revoked or suspended, notification of such action shall be sent to the department. Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the commissioner may appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183. Such appeal shall have precedence over nonprivileged cases in respect to order of trial. The Attorney General shall act as attorney in the public interest in defending against such an appeal. One year from the date of the revocation of a license, application for reinstatement may be made to the commissioner. The commissioner may accept or reject an application for reinstatement and may, but shall not be required to, hold a hearing to consider such reinstatement.

Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 20-114 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 457 October 1, 2013):

(a) The Dental Commission may take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17 for failure to conform to the accepted standards of the profession that includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: [causes:] (1) The presentation to the department of any diploma, license or certificate illegally or fraudulently obtained, or obtained from an institution that is not reputable or from an unrecognized or irregular institution or state board, or obtained by the practice of any fraud or deception; (2) proof that a practitioner has become unfit or incompetent or has been guilty of cruelty, incompetence, negligence or indecent conduct toward patients; (3) conviction of the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter by any court of criminal jurisdiction, provided no action shall be taken under section 19a-17 because of such conviction if any appeal to a higher court has been filed until the appeal has been determined by the higher court and the conviction sustained; (4) the employment of any unlicensed person for other than mechanical purposes in the practice of dental medicine or dental surgery subject to the provisions of section 20-122a; (5) the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or of the regulations adopted hereunder or the refusal to comply with any of said provisions or

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regulations; (6) the aiding or abetting in the practice of dentistry, dental medicine or dental hygiene of a person not licensed to practice dentistry, dental medicine or dental hygiene in this state; (7) designating a limited practice, except as provided in section 20-106a; (8) engaging in fraud or material deception in the course of professional activities; (9) the effects of physical or mental illness, emotional disorder or loss of motor skill, including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process, upon the license holder; (10) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals; (11) failure to comply with the continuing education requirements set forth in section 20-126c; (12) failure of a holder of a dental anesthesia or conscious sedation permit to successfully complete an on-site evaluation conducted pursuant to subsection (c) of section 20-123b; (13) failure to provide information to the Department of Public Health required to complete a health care provider profile, as set forth in section 20-13j; or (14) failure to maintain professional liability insurance or other indemnity against liability for professional malpractice as provided in section 20-126d. A violation of any of the provisions of this chapter by any unlicensed employee in the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene, with the knowledge of the employer, shall be deemed a violation by the employer. The Commissioner of Public Health may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if his or her physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17.

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- Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 20-1260 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
  - (a) The Department of Public Health may take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17 for <u>failure to conform to the accepted standards</u> of the profession that includes, but is not limited to, any of the

510 following: [causes:] (1) The presentation to the department of any 511 diploma, license or certificate illegally or fraudulently obtained, or 512 obtained from an institution that is not accredited or from an 513 unrecognized or irregular institution or state board, or obtained by the 514 practice of any fraud or deception; (2) illegal conduct; (3) negligent, 515 incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional activities; (4) 516 conviction of the violation of any of the provisions of sections 20-126h 517 to 20-126w, inclusive, by any court of criminal jurisdiction; (5) the 518 violation of any of the provisions of said sections or of the regulations 519 adopted hereunder or the refusal to comply with any of said 520 provisions or regulations; (6) the aiding or abetting in the practice of 521 dental hygiene of a person not licensed to practice dental hygiene in 522 this state; (7) engaging in fraud or material deception in the course of 523 professional activities; (8) the effects of physical or mental illness, 524 emotional disorder or loss of motor skill, including, but not limited to, 525 deterioration through the aging process, upon the license holder; (9) 526 abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or 527 chemicals; or (10) failure to provide information to the Department of 528 Public Health required to complete a health care provider profile, as 529 set forth in section 20-13j. A violation of any of the provisions of 530 sections 20-126h to 20-126w, inclusive, by any unlicensed employee in 531 the practice of dental hygiene, with the knowledge of his employer, 532 shall be deemed a violation thereof by his employer. The 533 Commissioner of Public Health may order a license holder to submit to 534 a reasonable physical or mental examination if his physical or mental 535 capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said 536 commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of 537 Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to said 538 section 19a-17.

Sec. 17. Section 20-133 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

The board may take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17 after notice and hearing, for <u>failure to conform to the accepted</u>

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Sec. 18. Section 20-154 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

The Commissioner of Public Health, with advice and assistance from said board, may make regulations concerning the licensing of any optician, the granting of any permit to any optical department or the certification of any licensed optician, and the suspension or revocation of any such license or permit, or with reference to the conduct of any such licensee or permittee and the manner in which any such licensed optical department is conducted. Any license to practice as a licensed optician or to conduct any optical department may be suspended or revoked or reissued by said board. The certificate of registration, permit or license of any optician or of any optical permittee may be revoked, suspended or annulled or any action taken under section 19a-17 upon decision after notice and hearing by the board for failure to conform to the accepted standards of the profession that includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: [reasons:] Fraudulent, dishonest, illegal or incompetent or negligent conduct of his business as such licensee or permittee; aiding or abetting any unlicensed person whose license has been suspended or revoked, or any optical permittee whose permit has been suspended or revoked in the conduct of an optician's establishment, office or store; violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted hereunder; presentation to the department of any diploma, license or certificate, irregularly or fraudulently obtained or from any unrecognized or irregular college or state commission, or obtained by the practice of any fraud or deception; physical or mental illness, emotional disorder or loss of motor skill, including but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process; abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or

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611 chemicals. The Commissioner of Public Health may order a license 612 holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if his 613 physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said commissioner may petition the superior court for 614 615 the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17. The violation of any of the provisions 616 617 of this chapter by any unlicensed employee in the employ of any of its 618 licensees or permittees, with the knowledge of his employer, shall be 619 deemed to be a violation thereof by his employer; and continued 620 violation thereof by such an unlicensed employee shall be deemed to 621 be, prima facie, with the knowledge of such employer.

Sec. 19. Section 20-192 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

The board may take any action set forth in section 19a-17 [, if the license holder: Has been convicted] for failure to conform to the accepted standards of the profession that includes, but is not limited to: (1) Conviction of a felony; [has been found by the board to have] (2) a finding by the board that the license-holder employed fraud or deceit in obtaining his or her license or, in the course of any professional activity, [to have] violated any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted hereunder or [to have] acted negligently, incompetently or wrongfully in the conduct of [his] the profession; [practiced] (3) practicing in an area of psychology for which [he] the license-holder is not qualified; [is suffering from] or (4) the existence of physical or mental illness, emotional disorder or loss of motor skill, including but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process or is suffering from the abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals. The Commissioner of Public Health may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if his physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17. Notice of any

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644 contemplated action under [said] section 19a-17, of the cause therefor 645 and the date of hearing thereon shall be given and an opportunity for 646 hearing afforded as provided in the regulations adopted by the 647 Commissioner of Public Health. The Attorney General shall, upon 648 request, furnish legal assistance to the board. Any person aggrieved by 649 any action of the board may appeal therefrom as provided in section 4-650 183, except such appeal shall be made returnable to the judicial district 651 where he resides. Such appeal shall have precedence over 652 nonprivileged cases in respect to order of trial.

Sec. 20. Section 20-195d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

The department is authorized to conduct investigations and take disciplinary actions as set forth in section 19a-17 for <u>failure to conform</u> to the accepted standards of the profession that includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: [reasons:] (1) Fraud or material deception in procuring or attempting to procure licensure; (2) illegal conduct, incompetence or negligence in carrying out professional functions; (3) any occupationally disabling emotional disorder or mental illness; (4) physical illness including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process; (5) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals; (6) fraud or material deception in the course of professional activities; (7) wilful and significant falsification of entries in any hospital, patient or other record; [and] or (8) violation of any provision of this chapter, any regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter, or any provisions of subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 19a-14, as amended by this act. The commissioner may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if [his] the license holder's physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. The commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17.

Sec. 21. Section 20-202 of the general statutes is repealed and the

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After notice and opportunity for hearing as provided in the regulations established by the Commissioner of Public Health, said board may take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17 for failure to conform to the accepted standards of the profession that includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: [causes:] (1) The presentation to the board of any diploma, license or certificate illegally or fraudulently obtained; (2) proof that the holder of such license or certificate has become unfit or incompetent or has been guilty of cruelty, unskillfulness or negligence towards animals and birds; (3) conviction of the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter by any court of criminal jurisdiction, provided no license or registration shall be revoked or suspended because of such conviction if an appeal to a higher court has been filed until such appeal has been determined by the higher court and the conviction sustained; (4) the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or the refusal to comply with any of said provisions; (5) the publication or circulation of any statement of a character tending to deceive or mislead the public; (6) the supplying of drugs, biologics, instruments or any substances or devices by which unqualified persons may practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry, except that such drugs, biologics, instruments, substances or devices may be supplied to a farmer for his own animals or birds; (7) fraudulent issue or use of any health certificate, vaccination certificate, test chart or other blank form used in the practice of veterinary the dissemination of medicine relating to animal transportation of diseased animals or the sale of inedible products of animal origin for human consumption; (8) knowingly having professional association with, or knowingly employing any person who is unlawfully practicing veterinary medicine; (9) failure to keep veterinary premises and equipment in a clean and sanitary condition; (10) physical or mental illness, emotional disorder or loss of motor skill, including but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process; (11) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals; or (12) failure to comply with the continuing

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711 education requirements prescribed in section 20-201a. A violation of 712 any of the provisions of this chapter by any unlicensed employee in 713 the practice of veterinary medicine, with the knowledge of his 714 employer, shall be deemed a violation thereof by his employer. The 715 Commissioner of Public Health may order a license holder to submit to 716 a reasonable physical or mental examination if his or her physical or 717 mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said 718 commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of 719 Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 720 19a-17.

Sec. 22. Section 20-227 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

The Department of Public Health may refuse to grant a license or inspection certificate or the board may take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17 against a licensee, registrant or holder of an inspection certificate [if it finds the existence of] for failure to conform to the accepted standards of the profession that includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: [grounds:] (1) The practice of any fraud or deceit in obtaining or attempting to obtain a license, registration or inspection certificate; (2) violation of the statutes or regulations of said department relative to the business of embalming or funeral directing in this state; (3) the conviction of a crime in the course of professional activities; (4) incompetency, negligence or misconduct in the carrying on of such business or profession; (5) violation of or noncompliance with the provisions of this chapter or the rules established hereunder; (6) loaning, borrowing or using a license or inspection certificate of another, or knowingly aiding or abetting in any way the granting of an improper license or inspection certificate; (7) aiding or abetting the practice of embalming or funeral directing by an unlicensed person; (8) physical or mental illness, emotional disorder or loss of motor skill, including but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process; or (9) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals. The Commissioner

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of Public Health may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if [his] the license holder's physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order of any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17. The Department of Public Health shall not refuse to renew any license or inspection certificate nor shall the board suspend any such license, registration or inspection certificate until the holder thereof has been given notice and opportunity for hearing in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Public Health. Any person aggrieved by the action of said department in refusing to renew a license or inspection certificate or by the action of said board in suspending or revoking any license, registration or inspection certificate under the provisions of this chapter or action taken under section 19a-17 may appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183. No person whose license, registration or inspection certificate is suspended or revoked shall, during such suspension or revocation, enter or engage, either personally or through any corporation, partnership or other organization, or through any agent, in any of the activities which such license, registration or inspection certificate entitled him or her to engage in; nor shall any such person receive any money or any other valuable consideration on account of engaging in any of such activities. No person shall pay, promise, offer or give to anyone whose license, registration or inspection certificate is suspended or revoked any money or other valuable consideration for engaging in any of the activities which such license, registration or inspection certificate entitled [him] such person to engage in.

- Sec. 23. Subsection (a) of section 20-238 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
  - (a) No person shall practice the occupation of master barber in this state unless [he] <u>such person</u> has first obtained a license as provided in section 20-236. Said department shall furnish to each person to whom a

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license is issued a card certifying that the holder thereof is entitled to practice the occupation of master barber in this state, and the holder of such card shall post the same in a conspicuous place in front of his or her working chair, where it may readily be seen by all persons whom [he] the holder may serve. Said department shall keep a register in which shall be entered the names of all persons to whom such licenses are issued, and said register shall be at all times open to public inspection. The board may suspend or revoke any license or certificate granted by it or take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17 [if the] for failure to conform to the accepted standards of the profession that includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: The holder of a license is incompetent, is habitually intoxicated or habitually addicted to the use of morphine, cocaine, or other habit-forming drugs, or is a violator of any provision of this chapter or of the regulations adopted pursuant thereto or is suffering from physical or mental illness or emotional disorder or loss of motor skill including but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process. Before any license is suspended or revoked or action taken under section 19a-17, such holder shall be given notice and afforded opportunity for hearing as provided in the regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Public Health. The Commissioner of Public Health may order a certificate or license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if [his] the holder's physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17.

Sec. 24. Section 20-263 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

The commissioner or a representative designated by the commissioner may investigate any alleged violation of the provisions of this chapter and, if there appears to be reasonable cause therefor, on reasonable notice to any person accused of any such violation, may refer the matter to the board for hearing; may make complaint to the

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prosecuting authority having jurisdiction of any such complaint or may examine into all acts of alleged abuse, fraud, or incompetence. The board may suspend the license of any registered hairdresser and cosmetician, and may revoke the hairdresser and cosmetician license of any person convicted of violating any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted under this chapter or take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17 for <u>failure to conform to the accepted standards</u> of the profession that includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: [reasons:] (1) The employment of fraud or deception in obtaining a license; (2) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals; (3) engaging in fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities; (4) physical or mental illness, emotional disorder or loss of motor skill, including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process; or (5) illegal, incompetent or negligent conduct in the course of professional activities. The commissioner may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if the physical or mental capacity of the license holder to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. The commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17. No license issued pursuant to this chapter shall be revoked or suspended under this section until the licensee has been given notice and opportunity for hearing as provided in the regulations adopted by the commissioner.

Sec. 25. Section 20-271 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

The license of any electrologist in this state may be revoked or suspended by the board, or such electrologist may be the subject of any action set forth in section 19a-17, after notice and hearing, on the recommendation of the board for [any cause set forth in this section. Proceedings relative to the revocation or suspension of a license or such action may be begun by the filing of written charges, verified by affidavit, with the department. The causes for which a license may be

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revoked or suspended or for which a practitioner may be the subject of any action set forth in section 19a-17 include] failure to conform to the accepted standards of the profession that includes, but is not limited to: (1) Conviction, either within or without this state, of any crime in the practice of the practitioner's profession; (2) fraudulent or deceptive conduct in the course of professional services or activities or illegal, incompetent or negligent conduct, in the practitioner's practice; (3) habitual intemperance in the use of alcoholic liquor or addiction to the use of narcotics or other habit-forming drugs; (4) violation of any provision of this chapter or of any regulation adopted under this chapter; (5) aiding or abetting the unlawful practice of electrology; (6) physical or mental illness or emotional disorder or loss of motor skill of the practitioner, including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process; (7) fraud or material deception in obtaining a license; or (8) splitting of fees or offering of commissions or gifts. Proceedings relative to the revocation or suspension of a license or other action set forth in section 19a-17 may be begun by the filing of written charges, verified by affidavit, with the Department of Public Health. The Commissioner of Public Health may order a licensee to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if the physical or mental capacity of the licensee to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. The commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17.

Sec. 26. Subsection (b) of section 19a-522f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

(b) An IV therapy nurse or a physician assistant licensed pursuant to section 20-12b, who is employed by, or operating under a contract to provide services in, a chronic and convalescent nursing home or a rest home with nursing supervision that operates an IV therapy program may administer a peripherally inserted central catheter as part of such facility's IV therapy program. The Department of Public Health shall

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adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this section.

Sec. 27. Subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 19a-750 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

(c) (1) The Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut shall be managed by a board of directors. The board shall consist of the following members: The Lieutenant Governor, or his or her designee; the Commissioners of Public Health, Social Services, Consumer Protection and Administrative Services, or their designees; three appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a representative of a medical research organization, one of whom shall be an insurer or representative of a health plan and one of whom shall be an attorney with background and experience in the field of privacy, health data security or patient rights; three appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall have background and experience with a private sector health information exchange or health information technology entity, one of whom shall have expertise in public health and one of whom shall be a physician licensed under chapter 370 who works in a practice of not more than ten physicians and who is not employed by a hospital, health network, health plan, health system, academic institution or university; three appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of hospitals, an integrated delivery network or a hospital association, one of whom shall have expertise with federally qualified health centers and one of whom shall be a consumer or consumer advocate; one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be a primary care physician whose practice utilizes electronic health records; one appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a consumer or consumer advocate; one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a pharmacist or a health care provider utilizing electronic health information exchange; and one appointed by the minority

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- 909 leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a large employer
- 910 or a representative of a business group. The Secretary of the Office of
- 911 Policy and Management and the Healthcare Advocate, or their
- 912 designees, shall be ex-officio, nonvoting members of the board. The
- 913 [Commissioner of Public Health, or his or her designee, shall]
- 914 Governor shall appoint a member to serve as the chairperson of the
- 915 board.
- 916 Sec. 28. Subsection (b) of section 20-1950 of the general statutes is
- 917 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 918 *October* 1, 2013):
- 919 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20-195n concerning
- 920 examinations, on or before October 1, [2012] 2013, the commissioner
- may issue a license without examination, to any master social worker
- 922 applicant who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commissioner
- 923 that, on or before October 1, 2010, he or she held a master's degree
- 924 from a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work
- 925 Education or, if educated outside the United States or its territories,
- 926 completed an educational program deemed equivalent by the council.
- 927 Sec. 29. Subsection (d) of section 20-12c of the general statutes is
- 928 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 929 October 1, 2013):
- 930 (d) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a licensed
- 931 physician assistant who is (1) part of the Connecticut Disaster Medical
- 932 Assistance Team or the Medical Reserve Corps, under the auspices of
- 933 the Department of Public Health, or the Connecticut Urban Search and
- 934 Rescue Team, under the auspices of the Department of Emergency
- 935 Services and Public Protection, and is engaged in officially authorized
- 936 civil preparedness duty or civil preparedness training conducted by
- 937 such team or corps, or (2) licensed in another state as a physician
- 938 assistant or its equivalent and is an active member of the Connecticut
- 939 Army or Air National Guard, from providing patient services under
- 940 the supervision, control, responsibility and direction of a licensed

- 941 physician.
- 942 Sec. 30. Subsection (c) of section 20-128a of the general statutes is 943 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 944 October 1, 2013):
- 945 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health, with advice and assistance 946 from the board, may make and enforce such regulations, in accordance 947 with chapter 54, as the commissioner deems necessary to maintain 948 proper professional and ethical standards, including, but not limited 949 to, continuing education requirements, for optometrists. [The 950 commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, 951 requiring each optometrist licensed pursuant to this chapter to 952 complete a minimum of twenty hours of continuing education during 953 each registration period, defined as the twelve-month period for which 954 a license has been renewed pursuant to section 19a-88 and is current 955 and valid. The board shall approve all continuing education courses. 956 The board may revoke or suspend licenses for cause.
- 957 Sec. 31. Section 20-132a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
- (a) For purposes of this section, "actively engaged in the practice of optometry" means the treatment of one or more patients by a licensee during any given registration period, and "registration period" means the twelve-month period for which a license has been renewed in accordance with section 19a-88.
- (b) Licenses issued under this chapter shall be renewed annually in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88.
  - (c) Except as provided in this section, a licensee who is actively engaged in the practice of optometry shall earn a minimum of twenty hours of continuing education each registration period. The subject matter for continuing education shall reflect the professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the public, and shall include (1) not less than six hours in any of the following areas:

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Pathology, detection of diabetes and ocular treatment; and (2) not less than six hours in treatment as it applies to the use of ocular agents-T. Coursework shall be provided through direct, live instruction that the licensee physically attends either individually or as part of a group of participants or through a formal home study or distance learning 977 program. Not more than six hours shall be earned through a home study or other distance learning program and not more than six hours shall be in practice management. Qualifying continuing education 979 activities include, but are not limited to, courses offered or approved by the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry, the American Optometric Association or state or local optometry associations and societies that are affiliated with the American Optometric Association, a hospital or other health care institution, a school or college of optometry or other institution of higher education accredited or recognized by the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education or the American Optometric Association, a state or local health department, or a national, state or local medical association.

(d) Each licensee applying for license renewal pursuant to section 19a-88, except a licensee applying for a license renewal for the first time, shall sign a statement attesting that he or she has satisfied the continuing education requirements described in subsection (c) of this section on a form prescribed by the Department of Public Health. Each licensee shall retain records of attendance or certificates of completion that demonstrate compliance with the continuing education requirements described in subsection (c) of this section for not less than three years following the date on which the continuing education was completed or the license was renewed. Each licensee shall submit such records to the department for inspection not later than forty-five days after a request by the department for such records. A licensee who fails to comply with the provisions of this subsection may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 20-133, as amended by this act.

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- 1005 (e) In individual cases involving medical disability or illness, the 1006 Commissioner of Public Health may grant a waiver of the continuing education requirements or an extension of time within which to fulfill 1007 1008 the requirements of this section to any licensee, provided the licensee 1009 submits to the department an application for waiver or extension of 1010 time on a form prescribed by the commissioner, along with a 1011 certification by a licensed physician of the disability or illness and such 1012 other documentation as may be required by the commissioner. The 1013 commissioner may grant a waiver or extension for a period not to 1014 exceed one registration period, except that the commissioner may 1015 grant additional waivers or extensions if the medical disability or 1016 illness upon which a waiver or extension is granted continues beyond 1017 the period of the waiver or extension and the licensee applies for an 1018 additional waiver or extension.
- 1019 (f) A licensee who is not actively engaged in the practice of 1020 optometry, in any form, during a registration period shall be exempt 1021 from the continuing education requirements, provided the licensee submits a notarized application for exemption on a form prescribed by 1022 1023 the commissioner before the end of the registration period. A licensee 1024 who is exempt under the provisions of this subsection may not engage 1025 in the practice of optometry until the licensee has met the continuing 1026 education requirements of this section.
  - (g) A licensee whose license has become void pursuant to section 19a-88 and who applies to the department for reinstatement of such license shall submit evidence of successful completion of twenty contact hours of continuing education within the one-year period immediately preceding the application for reinstatement.
- Sec. 32. Subsection (g) of section 20-126*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
- 1035 (g) [All licensed dental hygienists applying for license renewal shall 1036 be required to participate in continuing education programs. The

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1037 commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with the 1038 provisions of chapter 54 to: (1) Define basic requirements for 1039 continuing education programs, (2) delineate qualifying programs, (3) 1040 establish a system of control and reporting, and (4) provide for waiver 1041 of the continuing education requirement by the commissioner for good 1042 cause.] Each licensed dental hygienist applying for license renewal 1043 shall earn a minimum of sixteen hours of continuing education within the preceding twenty-four-month period. The subject matter for 1044 1045 continuing education shall reflect the professional needs of the licensee 1046 in order to meet the health care needs of the public. Continuing 1047 education activities shall provide significant theoretical or practical 1048 content directly related to clinical or scientific aspects of dental 1049 hygiene. Qualifying continuing education activities include, but are 1050 not limited to, courses, including on-line courses, that are offered or 1051 approved by dental schools and other institutions of higher education 1052 that are accredited or recognized by the Council on Dental 1053 Accreditation, a regional accrediting organization, the American Dental Association, a state, district or local dental association or society 1054 1055 affiliated with the American Dental Association, the National Dental 1056 Association, the American Dental Hygienists Association or a state, 1057 district or local dental hygiene association or society affiliated with the 1058 American Dental Hygienists Association, the Academy of General 1059 Dentistry, the Academy of Dental Hygiene, the American Red Cross or 1060 the American Heart Association when sponsoring programs in 1061 cardiopulmonary resuscitation or cardiac life support, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and armed forces of the United 1062 States when conducting programs at United States governmental 1063 1064 facilities, a hospital or other health care institution, agencies or 1065 businesses whose programs are accredited or recognized by the 1066 Council on Dental Accreditation, local, state or national medical 1067 associations, or a state or local health department. Eight hours of 1068 volunteer dental practice at a public health facility, as defined in subsection (a) of this section, may be substituted for one hour of 1069 1070 continuing education, up to a maximum of five hours in one two-year 1071 period. Activities that do not qualify toward meeting these

- requirements include professional organizational business meetings, speeches delivered at luncheons or banquets, and the reading of books, articles, or professional journals. Not more than four hours of continuing education may be earned through an on-line or other distance learning program.
- Sec. 33. Section 20-126*l* of the general statutes is amended by adding subsections (h) to (k), inclusive, as follows (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

(NEW) (h) Each licensee applying for license renewal pursuant to section 19a-88, except a licensee applying for a license renewal for the first time, shall sign a statement attesting that he or she has satisfied the continuing education requirements described in subsection (g) of this section on a form prescribed by the department. Each licensee shall retain records of attendance or certificates of completion that demonstrate compliance with the continuing education requirements described in subsection (g) of this section for not less than three years following the date on which the continuing education was completed or the license was renewed. Each licensee shall submit such records to the department for inspection not later than forty-five days after a request by the department for such records. A licensee who fails to comply with the provisions of this section may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 20-1260, as amended by this act.

(NEW) (i) In individual cases involving medical disability or illness, the Commissioner of Public Health may grant a waiver of the continuing education requirements or an extension of time within which to fulfill the requirements of this subsection to any licensee, provided the licensee submits to the Department of Public Health an application for waiver or extension of time on a form prescribed by the commissioner, along with a certification by a licensed physician of the disability or illness and such other documentation as may be required by the commissioner. The commissioner may grant a waiver or extension for a period not to exceed one registration period, except the commissioner may grant additional waivers or extensions if the medical disability or illness upon which a waiver or extension is

- granted continues beyond the period of the waiver or extension and the licensee applies for an additional waiver or extension.
- 1107 (NEW) (j) A licensee who is not engaged in active professional 1108 practice, in any form, during a registration period shall be exempt 1109 from the continuing education requirements, provided the licensee 1110 submits a notarized application for exemption on a form prescribed by 1111 the commissioner prior to the end of the registration period. A licensee 1112 who is exempt under the provisions of this subsection may not engage 1113 in professional practice until the licensee has met the continuing 1114 education requirements of this section.
- 1115 (NEW) (k) A licensee whose license has become void pursuant to 1116 section 19a-88 and who applies to the department for reinstatement of 1117 such license, shall: (1) For a license that has been void for two years or 1118 less, submit evidence of completion of a minimum of twenty-four 1119 contact hours of qualifying continued education during the two-year 1120 period immediately preceding the application for reinstatement; or (2) 1121 for a license that has been void for more than two years, submit 1122 evidence of successful completion of the National Board Dental 1123 Hygiene Examination or the North East Regional Board of Dental 1124 Examiners Examination in Dental Hygiene during the year 1125 immediately preceding the application.
- Sec. 34. Subsection (c) of section 20-12n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
  - (c) Applicants for licensure as a homeopathic physician shall, in addition to [meeting the requirements of] holding a license as a physician or surgeon issued in accordance with section 20-10, have successfully completed not less than one hundred twenty hours of post-graduate medical training in homeopathy offered by an institution approved by [the Connecticut Homeopathic Medical Examining Board or] the American Institute of Homeopathy [,] or one hundred twenty hours of post-graduate medical training in

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- 1137 homeopathy under the direct supervision of a licensed homeopathic
- physician, which shall consist of thirty hours of theory and ninety
- 1139 hours of clinical practice. The [Connecticut Homeopathic Medical
- 1140 Examining Board] Department of Public Health shall approve any
- training completed under the direction of a licensed homeopathic
- 1142 physician.
- 1143 Sec. 35. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the general statutes is
- 1144 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 1145 October 1, 2013):
- 1146 (c) No board shall exist for the following professions that are
- licensed or otherwise regulated by the Department of Public Health:
- 1148 (1) Speech and language pathologist and audiologist;
- 1149 (2) Hearing instrument specialist;
- 1150 (3) Nursing home administrator;
- 1151 (4) Sanitarian;
- 1152 (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;
- 1153 (6) Marital and family therapist;
- 1154 (7) Nurse-midwife;
- 1155 (8) Licensed clinical social worker;
- 1156 (9) Respiratory care practitioner;
- 1157 (10) Asbestos contractor and asbestos consultant;
- 1158 (11) Massage therapist;
- 1159 (12) Registered nurse's aide;
- 1160 (13) Radiographer;

1161	(14) Dental hygienist;
1162	(15) Dietitian-Nutritionist;
1163	(16) Asbestos abatement worker;
1164	(17) Asbestos abatement site supervisor;
1165	(18) Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;
1166	(19) Professional counselor;
1167	(20) Acupuncturist;
1168	(21) Occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistant;
1169 1170 1171	(22) Lead abatement contractor, lead consultant contractor, lead consultant, lead abatement supervisor, lead abatement worker, inspector and planner-project designer;
1172 1173 1174	(23) Emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, emergency medical responder and emergency medical services instructor;
1175	(24) Paramedic;
1176	(25) Athletic trainer;
1177	(26) Perfusionist;
1178 1179	(27) Master social worker subject to the provisions of section 20-195v; [and]
1180 1181	(28) On and after July 1, 2011, a radiologist assistant, subject to the provisions of section 20-74tt; [.]
1182	(29) Homeopathic physician; and
1183 1184	(30) Certified water treatment plant operator, certified distribution system operator, certified small water system operator, certified

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- 1185 <u>backflow prevention device tester and certified cross connection</u>
- 1186 survey inspector, including certified limited operators, certified
- 1187 <u>conditional operators and certified operators in training.</u>
- 1188 The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested
- 1189 with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over such
- professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v,
- 1191 369 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a
- and 400c, including, but not limited to, standards for entry and
- renewal; grounds for professional discipline; receiving and processing
- complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall apply, except as otherwise
- provided by law, to the professions listed in this subsection.
- 1196 Sec. 36. Subsection (b) of section 2c-2h of the general statutes is
- 1197 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 1198 *October 1, 2013*):
- (b) Not later than July 1, 2015, and not later than every ten years
- 1200 thereafter, the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
- 1201 having cognizance of any of the following governmental entities or
- 1202 programs shall conduct a review of the applicable entity or program in
- accordance with the provisions of section 2c-3:
- 1204 (1) Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors,
- 1205 established under section 20-208;
- 1206 [(2) Connecticut Homeopathic Medical Examining Board,
- 1207 established under section 20-8;]
- 1208 [(3)] (2) Board of Examiners in Podiatry, established under section
- 1209 20-51;
- 1210 [(4)] (3) Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council, established
- 1211 under section 21-84a;
- [(5)] (4) Family support grant program of the Department of Social
- 1213 Services, established under section 17b-616;

- 1214 [(6)] (5) State Commission on Capitol Preservation and Restoration, 1215 established under section 4b-60;
- 1216 [(7)] (6) Council on Environmental Quality, established under 1217 section 22a-11; and
- 1218 [(8)] (7) Police Officer Standards and Training Council, established 1219 under section 7-294b.
- Sec. 37. Section 20-11 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

1222 The Department of Public Health under the supervision of the 1223 [examining boards provided for by sections 20-8 and] Connecticut 1224 Medical Examining Board, established pursuant to section 20-8a shall 1225 hold examinations not less than twice each year at such places as the 1226 department designates. Applicants for licenses to practice medicine or 1227 surgery shall be examined in such medical subjects as the department 1228 may prescribe, with the advice and consent of the appropriate board, 1229 provided each applicant for examination shall be notified concerning 1230 the subjects in which he is to be examined. The Commissioner of 1231 Public Health, with advice and assistance from each board, shall make 1232 such rules and regulations for conducting examinations and for the 1233 operation of the board as, from time to time, he deems necessary. 1234 Passing scores for examinations shall be established by the department 1235 with the consent of the appropriate board. Each applicant for 1236 examination shall be examined with respect to the same school of 1237 practice in which the applicant was graduated except that an applicant 1238 for licensure in homeopathic medicine who is licensed as a physician 1239 or meets the requirements in section 20-10 may be examined in other 1240 than the school of practice in which such applicant was graduated. 1241 Before being admitted to the examination, an applicant shall pay the 1242 sum of five hundred sixty-five dollars and an applicant rejected by the 1243 department may be reexamined at any subsequent examination, upon 1244 payment of the sum of five hundred sixty-five dollars for each 1245 appearance.

- Sec. 38. Subsection (d) of section 20-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 1248 October 1, 2013):
- (d) No license shall be issued under this section to any applicant against whom professional disciplinary action is pending or who is the subject of an unresolved complaint. The department shall inform the [boards established under sections 20-8 and] Connecticut Medical Examining Board, established pursuant to section 20-8a annually of the number of applications it receives for licensure under this section.
- Sec. 39. Section 20-14 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
  - No provision of this section, sections [20-8,] 20-9 to 20-13, inclusive, as amended by this act, or 20-14a shall be construed to repeal or affect any of the provisions of any private charter, or to apply to licensed pharmacists. All physicians or surgeons and all physician assistants practicing under the provisions of this chapter shall, when requested, write a duplicate of their prescriptions in the English language. Any person who violates any provision of this section regarding prescriptions shall be fined ten dollars for each offense. Any person who violates any provision of section 20-9 shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned not more than five years or be both fined and imprisoned. For the purposes of this section, each instance of patient contact or consultation which is in violation of any provision of section 20-9 shall constitute a separate offense. Failure to renew a license in a timely manner shall not constitute a violation for the purposes of this section. Any person who swears to any falsehood in any statement required by section 20-10, 20-12, as amended by this act, 20-12b or 20-12c, as amended by this act, to be filed with the Department of Public Health shall be guilty of false statement.
- Sec. 40. Section 17a-680 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

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- For purposes of sections 17a-673, 17a-680 to 17a-690, inclusive, and subsection (d) of section 17a-484:
- 1279 (1) "Alcohol-dependent person" means a person who [has a psychoactive substance dependence on alcohol as that condition is defined] meets the criteria for moderate or severe alcohol use disorder, as described in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric
- 1283 Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders";
- 1284 (2) "Business day" means Monday to Friday, inclusive, except when 1285 a legal holiday falls on any such day;
- 1286 (3) "Department" means the Department of Mental Health and 1287 Addiction Services;
- 1288 (4) "Dangerous to himself" means there is a substantial risk that 1289 physical harm will be inflicted by a person on himself <u>or herself</u>;
- 1290 (5) "Dangerous to others" means there is a substantial risk that 1291 physical harm will be inflicted by a person on another person;
- 1292 (6) "Drug or drugs" means a controlled drug as defined in section 1293 21a-240;
- (7) "Drug-dependent person" means a person who [has a psychoactive substance dependence on drugs as that condition is defined] meets the criteria for moderate or severe substance use disorder, as described in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders";
- 1300 (8) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Mental Health and 1301 Addiction Services;
- 1302 (9) "Gravely disabled" means a condition in which a person, as a 1303 result of the use of alcohol or drugs on a periodic or continuous basis, 1304 is in danger of serious physical harm because (A) he <u>or she</u> is not

1305 providing for his or her essential needs such as food, clothing, shelter, 1306 vital medical care, or safety, (B) he or she needs, but is not receiving, 1307 inpatient treatment for alcohol dependency or drug dependency, and 1308 (C) he or she is incapable of determining whether to accept such 1309 treatment because his <u>or her</u> judgment is impaired; 1310 (10) "Hospital" means an establishment licensed under the 1311 provisions of sections 19a-490 to 19a-503, inclusive, as amended by this 1312 act, for the lodging, care and treatment of persons suffering from 1313 disease or other abnormal physical or mental conditions, and includes inpatient psychiatric services in general hospitals; 1314 1315 (11) "Incapacitated by alcohol" means a condition in which a person 1316 as a result of the use of alcohol has his or her judgment so impaired 1317 that he <u>or she</u> is incapable of realizing and making a rational decision 1318 with respect to his or her need for treatment; 1319 (12) "Incompetent person" means a person who has been adjudged 1320 incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction; 1321 (13) "Intoxicated person" means a person whose mental or physical 1322 functioning is substantially impaired as a result of the use of alcohol or 1323 drugs; 1324 (14) "Medical officer" means a licensed physician in attendance at a 1325 treatment facility or hospital; 1326 (15) "Respondent" means a person who is alleged to be alcohol-1327 dependent or drug-dependent and for whom a petition for 1328 commitment or recommitment to an inpatient treatment facility has 1329 been filed: 1330 (16) "Treatment" means any emergency, outpatient, intermediate 1331 and inpatient services and care, including diagnostic evaluation,

medical, psychiatric, psychological and social services, vocational and

social rehabilitation and other appropriate services, which may be

extended to alcohol-dependent persons, drug-dependent persons and

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- 1335 intoxicated persons;
- 1336 (17) "Treatment facility" means (A) a facility providing treatment
- and operating under the direction and control of the department, or (B)
- 1338 a private facility providing treatment and licensed under the
- provisions of sections 19a-490 to 19a-503, inclusive, as amended by this
- 1340 <u>act</u>.
- 1341 Sec. 41. Subsection (b) of section 19a-72 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 1343 passage):
- (b) The Department of Public Health shall maintain and operate the
- 1345 Connecticut Tumor Registry. Said registry shall include a report of
- every occurrence of a reportable tumor that is diagnosed or treated in
- the state. Such reports shall be made to the department by any
- hospital, clinical laboratory and health care provider in the state. Such
- 1349 reports shall include, but not be limited to, pathology reports and
- information obtained from records of any person licensed as a health
- 1351 care provider and may include a collection of actual tissue samples
- and such information as the department may prescribe. Follow-up
- [data, demographic, diagnostic, treatment and] <u>information shall also</u>
- be contained in the report and shall include, when available: (1)
- 1355 <u>Demographic data; (2) diagnostic, treatment, pathology, and other</u>
- operative reports; (3) hematology, medical oncology and radiation
- 1357 <u>therapy consults; and (4)</u> other medical information [shall also be
- included in the report in a form and manner] as the department may
- prescribe. Such information shall be reported to the department not
- 1360 <u>later than six months after diagnosis or the first encounter for</u>
- treatment of a reportable tumor, in the form and manner prescribed by
- the department. The Commissioner of Public Health shall promulgate
- a list of required data items, which may be amended from time to time.
- 1364 Such reports shall include every occurrence of a reportable tumor that
- is diagnosed or treated during a calendar year. [Such reports shall be
- submitted to the department on or before July first, annually, in such
- manner as the department may prescribe.

Sec. 42. Subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of section 19a-14 and section 20-8 of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective October 1*, 2013)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:				
Section 1	October 1, 2013	19a-32c		
Sec. 2	January 1, 2014	19a-266		
Sec. 3	October 1, 2013	19a-491c(c)		
Sec. 4	October 1, 2013	19a-490(a)		
Sec. 5	October 1, 2013	19a-491(c)		
Sec. 6	October 1, 2013	19a-87b(b)		
Sec. 7	October 1, 2013	19a-496		
Sec. 8	October 1, 2013	20-13c		
Sec. 9	October 1, 2013	20-29		
Sec. 10	October 1, 2013	20-40		
Sec. 11	October 1, 2013	20-45		
Sec. 12	October 1, 2013	20-59		
Sec. 13	October 1, 2013	20-73a(a)		
Sec. 14	October 1, 2013	20-74g		
Sec. 15	October 1, 2013	20-114(a)		
Sec. 16	October 1, 2013	20-126o(a)		
Sec. 17	October 1, 2013	20-133		
Sec. 18	October 1, 2013	20-154		
Sec. 19	October 1, 2013	20-192		
Sec. 20	October 1, 2013	20-195d		
Sec. 21	October 1, 2013	20-202		
Sec. 22	October 1, 2013	20-227		
Sec. 23	October 1, 2013	20-238(a)		
Sec. 24	October 1, 2013	20-263		
Sec. 25	October 1, 2013	20-271		
Sec. 26	October 1, 2013	19a-522f(b)		
Sec. 27	October 1, 2013	19a-750(c)(1)		
Sec. 28	October 1, 2013	20-195o(b)		
Sec. 29	October 1, 2013	20-12c(d)		
Sec. 30	October 1, 2013	20-128a(c)		
Sec. 31	October 1, 2013	20-132a		
Sec. 32	October 1, 2013	20-126l(g)		
Sec. 33	October 1, 2013	20-126 <i>l</i>		

Sec. 34	October 1, 2013	20-12n(c)
Sec. 35	October 1, 2013	19a-14(c)
Sec. 36	October 1, 2013	2c-2h(b)
Sec. 37	October 1, 2013	20-11
Sec. 38	October 1, 2013	20-12(d)
Sec. 39	October 1, 2013	20-14
Sec. 40	October 1, 2013	17a-680
Sec. 41	from passage	19a-72(b)
Sec. 42	October 1, 2013	Repealer section

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